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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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For: Process for the Recovery of Organic Acids

Inventors:

Moore et al.

Our Ref:

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted.

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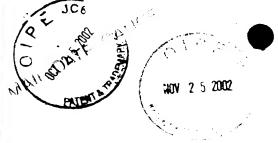
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **August 27, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37

C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

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